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Att a meeting of the Select men June the 2[d] 1696— Sexton
Then agreed with Ensigne Jn[o] Batcheler to take care of the meeting hous for the yeare Ensuing & his folkes to Ring the bell & swepe said hous as oft as ocation shall require for the yeare Ensuing |from the 28th day of May last past| and he to have for his Care and said Service: Twentey four shillings in or as money: or Thirtey shillings in pay: to be putt into the Rates either Countrey or Towne Rate—

* Att a meeting of the Select men
June 2[d] 1696— (*page 115) Order as to relief of Widow Mercy Fiske

Then agreed that whereas in the yeare 1694:
L[t] Charles Gott did receive into his hous or familey & Entertain his kinswoman Mercey Fiske the widdow & relict of Noah Fiske Deceased without the leave of the Select men & Contrarey to the Towne order & now by the Providence of God she being vissitted with sickness and lameness and not able to help herself and her Condition being so dangerous as that it calls for spedey releife and s[d] L[t] Gott not being at home to take care for her the Select men judg it ther dutey to do something for her present releife & she haveing putt her self under the hands of M[r] Edward Wells of Salem Practition[r] in Phisick and Chyrurgerey for help under God it is agreed that if s[d] M[r] Wells will use his best skill to doe what he can for her present relefe |where she is| the S[d] Select men in behalf of the Towne will take care that he shall have sutable sattisfaction for his care and pains in the matter; |but will not yeild to have her removed to Salem|

Received of Joseph Herrick Constable of Wenham Twentey nine shillings & thre pence which was his part to pay of the Countey rate as appears by his warrant from the townsmen Receipt

March 31: 1696 John Appleton Treser
Copia Vera: of the originall—

Boston May: 28th 1696
Rec[d] of M[r] Joseph Herrick Constable of Wenham fourteen pounds eighteene shillings & six penc in full of two Receipt

Warrants amounting to nineteen pounds eighteen shillings & six penc rec^{d} for Mr James Taylo^{r} Treas^{r}

Jer Allen

Copia Vera of the originall
attest John Newman Towne Clle.

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* Att a Towne meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham—

Assembled June 22th 1696—

Jurymen

John Pirkins Chosen Grand Jureyman for the year Ensuing—

Sam^{ll} Kemball & William Fairfield Chosen to serve on ye Jurey of Tryalls att the next Enferio^{r} Court to be holden at Salem on ye last Tuseday of this Ins^{t}

Att a towne meeting of the freholders & other Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled August the 5th 1696 for Choyce of Assesso^{rs} for makeing the List of Assesment—

Assessors

Voated that the Towne will make Choyce of three men for Assesso^{rs} and said Assesso^{rs} to be Chosen by Righting but they ware not Chosen—

Assessment Lists

Att a meeting of the Select men for makeing the lists of Assesment for the Countrey Rates by vertue of a warrant from the Treashure^{r} which lists ware Dated August 18th 1696 and Co̅mitted to the two Constables——

Constable Joseph Herricks two lists amounted to £31.3.10^{d}		£31.3.10^{d}
out of which he was ordered to pay to the Countrey Treashur^{r} according to his warrant: out of each List fiveteen pounds one shilling 8^{d} in the whole		30.3.4
And to Mr John Newman out of each list four shillings & 2^{d} in the whole out of both lists eight shillings 4^{d} it being for so much which the towne owed him for money laid out & time expended for ye towne		"0.8.4

The Remainder of both Lists being twelve shillings & 2[d] that is in the 1st list 5[s] 6[d] & in the 2[d] list 6[s] 8[d] was allowed him for collecting said lists & a former list	"0.12.2
	£31.3.10.
Constable John Dennisses two Lists amounted to twentey six pounds tenn shillings & 7[d]	£26.10.7
out of which Lists he was ordered to pay to the Countrey Treashurer[r] according to his warrant out of each List twelve pounds, eighteen shillings 4[d] in the whole twenty five pounds sixteen shillings 8[d]	£25.16.8
And to Ensigne Fayrfield to be allowed out of his rate in each List thre shillings 6[d] in both Lists seven shillings——	"00.07.0
The Remainder of both Lists being six shillings & 11[d] was allowed him for Collecting	"00.06.11
	£26.10.7

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* Att a meeting of the Select men September the 2[d] 1696—— (*page 117)

A Towne Rate was made in two Lists for the procuring money for the paying for the land called Wild mans Neck & Rootses meadow amounting to £14.5.10 which lists ware Comitted to the two Constables with a warrant on each List |to be Collected forthwith|	Rate
Const. Joseph Herricks list amounted to seven pounds fiveteen shillings 7[d]	£7.15.7
out of which he was ordered to pay to Cap[t] Fiske Touune Treashur[r] for the townes use seven pounds twelve shillings	"7.12.0
The remainder of his list being thre shillings 7[d] was allowed him for Collecting	0. 3.7
Constable John Denisses List amounted to six pounds tenn shillings 3[d]——	£6 10 3

out of which list he was ordered to pay to Cap^{tt} Fiske Towne Treashure^{r} six pounds eight shillings—— £6.8.0
The remainder of said list being two shillings 3^{d} was allowed him for Collecting— "0.2.3
|which list was again returned to ye Select men: & not Collected.|
which Lists said Constables ware ordered forthwith to Collect & pay in so as to Isue & Cleare: ther accots. with the Towne Treashure^{r} Att or before the first Day of Oct. next Ensuing——
|Constable Denisses List returned uncollected——|

Boston Septem^{r} 29th 1696

Receipt

Recd. of Mr. John Dennis Consta: of Wenham Eleven pound fourteen shillings & five pence in full of two warrants amounting to sixteen pounds fourteen shillings & five pence. recd. for Mr. Jan^{s} Taylor Trer^{r}
Per. Jer: Allen.——
Copia Vera of the originall receipt
as attest John Newman Towne Clerk—

Jurymen

At a Towne Meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled November ye 4th 1696 for Choyce of Juro^{rs} for the next Superio^{r} Court of Judicature, to be holden att Salem —— ——
Mr. Isaac Hull Senr & John Dodge ware Chosen to Serve on the Grand Jurey and Ensigne Walter Fayrfield and Samuel Kellum to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att said Court——

(*page 118)

* Att a meeting of the Select men
November: ye 6th 1696 ——

Rate

Then a towne rate was made on the Inhabitants for the paying Mr Gerrishes Sallery for this present yeare 1696. and for Ringing ye bell & keeping the meeting hous which rate was to be paid one third part of it in money or as money the rest in pay which rate was made in two lists & Comitted to the two Constables with a

warrant on each list, also the wood Rate for 31 Cords & 3 foot.

Constable Joseph Herricks List amounted to in pay Twenty two pounds fourteen shillings & 5[d]	£22.14.5
& in money eleven pounds eleven shillings & 6[d]	"11.11.6
	£34. 5.6
and sd. Constable was ordered to pay out of said list to the Reverend Mr. Joseph Gerrish in pay Twentey one pounds ten shillings	£21.10.0
& in money Eleven pounds—	11.00 0
to Ensigne Batcheler for ringing ye bell & keeping ye meting hous in pay Twentey four shillings and 5[d] ——	1.4 5
to Goodwife Woodward for the Select mens Expences in money five shillings ——	"0.5.0
The remainder being six shillings 6[d] was allowed for Collecting ——	0.6.6
|Also a wood rate for eighteen Cords.|	
	£34.5.11
Constable John Denisses List amounted in pay: Eighteen pounds ten shillings & 11[d]	£18.10.11
& in money nine pounds nine shillings & 11[d]	"09.09.11
	£28.00.10
Said Constable was ordered to make payment out of said List to the Reverend Mr. Joseph Gerrish in pay: Eighteen pounds, ten shillings ——	£18.10.0
and in money: nine pounds	"09.00.00
and to Ensigne Batchelder towards ringing the bell & keeping ye meeting house in money four shillings ——	"00.04.00
The remainder being six shillings 10[d] was allowed said Constable for Collecting	"00 6 10
	£28.00.10

|Also a wood Rate for 13 cords & thre foot|
Said Constables ware ordered to make payment of the severall sums abovementioned att or before the first day of Januarey next Ensuing so as to Isue & make up ther acco^{ts} with the Select men att or before the 28th Day of Februarey next Ensuing the date hear of ——

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* Att a meeting of the Select men—Present: Ensigne Batcheler Sergt. Freind and John Newman—

Liberty to get timber

Libertey Granted to Goodman Hacker to gett timber on ye towne Coñon for the building a barne: twentey foott square——

To Goodman Berrey to gett timber to build an addition to his barne: of twelve foott in length:——

To Goodman John Herrick liberty to get timber anuf for the building & Covering of a barne of thyrtey foot long & twentey two foot in wedth with Leantows——

Jurors

Att a meeting of the frehold^{rs} and Inhabitants of Wenham Dec^{b} 23th 1696 Assembled for Choyce of Juro^{rs} to serve att the next Enferio^{r} Court of Pleas to be holden att Salem—

Serg^{t} Thos Patch John Edwards Senr & Nathaniel Walderne ware Chosen for Juro^{rs} to serve at s^{d} Court.

Wildmans Neck

Att a meeting of the Select men Jan^{ry} 27th 1696/7 then agreed that there should be a towne meeting warnd to be on the 9th Day of Feb^{ry} next Ensuing att twelve of the Clock at the meeting hous: to Agree about perfecting ye purchas of ye land cald Wildmans Neck and Rootses meadow —

Mercy Fiske

Also to agree what shall be done about sattisfying ye Charges demanded as haveing bin Expended about Mercy Fiske the widdow in her sickness —

Swamp

Also to agree about perfecting the devition of ye Coñon Swamp that is not profitable for herbage & also to Consider & Agree about any other Toune buisness that may then come under Consideration —— and warrant was accordingly granted to the Constables to warne said meeting.

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* Att a Towne meeting of the frehold[rs] & other Inhabitants of Wenham Feb[ry] 9th 1696/7 (*page 120)

Serg[t] Thomas Patch Chosen Moderat[r] for the meeting —— Moderator

It being putt to the Towne wheither they would Impower any men to prosecute against Joseph Fowler for the recovery of the land cald Wildmans Neck and Rootses meadow, twas voted on ye negative —— Wildmans Neck

|Att the deseire of the Select men then| it being putt to the Towne that they would |give order for |pay|ing Doct[r] Edw[d] Wells the nessisary Cost which had bin Exspended about Mercey Fiske while she lay sick & lame & it was voated |on the| negative

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By thes Presents be it known that William Fairfield of Wenham &c: is acquitted & discharged as he was Constable & impowered to Collect the Ministers rates for the years: 1692 & 1693: by me Joseph Gerrish March 2[d] 1697/6 Receipt

Vera Copia of the originall receipt und[r] ye hand of Mr Gerrish

Attest John Newman Towne Clle.

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* Att a Generall Towne Meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled: March 2[d] 1696/7 *page 121

An. Town Meet[s]

Serg[t] Thomas Patch Chosen Moderato[r] Moderator

Serg[t] Thomas Patch John Porter William Fayrfield John Pirkins John Newman Chosen Selectmen for the yeare Ensueing Selectmen

John Newman Chosen Towne Clerke Town Clerk

James Friend Chosen Constable for the Westwardley part of the Towne being Westward & Northward of the Countrey Roade — Constables

Richard Dodge Sen[r] Chosen Constable for the other part of the Towne—Eastward of the Countrey Roade

Cap[t] Thomas Fiske Chosen for Towne Treashure[r] for the yeare Ensuing —— Treasurer

John Dodge by the Mill Chosen Survey[r] of high ways for the Eastwardly part of the Towne — Surveyors

Charles Gott Jun[r] Chosen for an other Surveyo[r] for the Towne

Theophilus Rix Chosen Surveyo^{r} of high ways westward of the Strayts — —

Fenceviewers — John Bare & Josiah Dodge Chosen for fence vew^{rs} for the neck Southwardly of the great Pond Brooke —

Thomas Kemball & Joseph Batcheler Chosen Vewers of fences

John Moulton & Joseph Fiske Chosen fence vew^{rs} for the westwardley part of the towne —

Haywards — Thomas Kellum & Wm Fiske Junr Chosen for haywards for ye yeare Ensuing —

Collectors for the Pastor's Rates — Voated that there shall be two Collecto^{rs} Chosen for the Gathering in of our Pasto^{r} Mr Gerrishes Rates for ye yeare Ensuing

Thomas Fiske Junr & Samuel Kemball Chosen Collecto^{rs} for said service —

Commoners — Voated that all those that have bin formerley Accepted as inhabitants & unto towne priveledges are also Accepted to be Co̅moners in our Towne, by the Voate of the Majo^{r} part of the Interested —

Adjournment — The Towne meeting is adjourned to the next Tuseday being the ninth Day of this Instant att one of the Clock att the meeting hous —

(*Page 122) — * Att the adjournment of the Generall Towne meeting of the freholders and Inhabitants of Wenham Assembleld the 9th Day of March Anno Do̅m 1696/7

Tithingmen — Serg^{t} Richard Hutton John Killum and Ensigne John Batcheler Chosen Tything-men for the yeare Insuing —

Sealer of leather — William Knoulton Chosen Sealer of Leather for the yeare Ensuing —

Clerk of the Market — Ensigne Walter Fayrfield Chosen for Clarke of the Markett for ye yeare Ensuing —

Adjournment — The towne meeting is adjourned till to morrow morning being the tenth day of this Instant March att nine of the Clocke to mete at the meting hous —

Att the adjournment of the said meeting on the 10th of March 1696/7 — —

Wood & Timber on the Common to be divided — Voated that the wood and Timber upon o^{r} Towne Co̅mons shall be devided amongst the Interested being Co̅monars & said Devition to be made by the last day of December next Ensuing —

Voated that ther shall be five men Chosen for a Coñittey, who shall have power or the Major part of them to make the devition of the wood and Timber upon the Coñons amongst the Comon[rs] & also to settle bounds betwene the Towne & perticuler persons that have land leying Joyning upon the Coñons —

Voated that the Towne makes Choyce of Serg[t] Thomas Patch Ensigne Fayrfield William Fayrfield John Newman & Capt[t] Thomas Fiske for the said Coñittey to performe the service before mentioned —

Penalty for cutting green trees on the Common

Voated that [no] person or persons in our Towne shall fall any Green Tre or Trees upon our Towne Coñons before ye last day of December next Ensuing upon the penaltey |of paying| of Twentey Shillings per tree one half of said fine to be to the Enformer he produceing Evidence & the other half to the use of the Towne said fine and forfiture to be taken by the Constable by disstress by warrant from the Selectmen & Improved for the townes use as aforesaid —

Voated that the Towne makes Choyce of Thomas Fiske Junr & Richard Dodge Senr to be Joyned & added to the five men before mentioned for a Coñittey for the devideing of the wood & Timber on the Coñon the majo[r] part of them Agreeing —

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*Att the adjournment of the Generall Towne meeting of the freholders & inhabitants of Wenham assembled March the 10th 1696/7 —

Commoners accepted

Voated that L[t] Wm Fiske, Richard Dodge Senr John Severett Senr John Berry Joseph Hacker Zacheas Goldsmith, Robert Cue in the Right of Ephr[m] Herrick & for his living and John Herrick in his own right & for Peter Tompsons living are all accepted to be Coñonars in this towne ——

Voated that there is the priveledge of a Coñonage granted to the living left by James Moulton Senr late deceased.

Att a meeting of the Select men
March 10th 1696/7

Thos. Piper & wife warned

Then agreed & ordered that the Towne Clearke doe forth-

with grant a warrant to the Constable to warne Thomas Piper and Grace his wife to remove out of our Towne & returne to the place from whence they came: ——

Att a meeting of the Select men
March 24th 1696/7

Constable's Account

Reconed with Constable Joseph Fowler for the Towne rate comitted to him Dated November 21th 1694 and he had made payment to the severall persons hearafter expressed Viz ——

To Mr. Joseph Gerrish in pay fourty pounds	£40.00.0
and in money twenty pounds	20.00.0
and to Robert Symonds for ringing the bell & sweping ye meeting hous in pay one pound ten shillings	01.10.0
and to Wm Fayrfield in pay sixteen shillings	00.16.0
and to Samll Fiske Carpenter in pay nine shillings 8d	00. 9.8
and to Mr. John Porter in pay four shillings	00. 4.0
& to Ezekiel Woodward in mony four shillings 9d	00. 4.9

Also Reconed with Constable Ephraim Kembell for a list of a Towne rate Comitted to him Dated Decemr 13th 1695 and he had made payment as followeth

to Mr. Gerrish in pay Twenty one pounds four shillings	£21.04.0
and in money or as mony eleven pounds eleven shillings	11.11.0
to Ensigne Batcheler in pay for keeping ye meeting hous Thirty shillings ——	1 10 0

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* Att a meeting of the Select men April ye 2d 1697 — By vertue of a warrant from Mr. James Taylor Countrey Treashurer a Rate was made on the poles & Estates in & belonging to the Towne of Wenham in distinct Lists ————

Rate

Rate

& Comitted to the two Constables: Viz.

Constable James Friends Lists amounted to fivetey six pounds eighteen shillings & 4d	£56.18.4

out of which his first payment to pay to the Treashurer was — Twenty eight pounds six shillings 4[d]	28. 6.4
his second part ye same sum̃	28. 6.4
	£56.12.8
the remainder of said Lists being five shillings 8[d] was allowed towards his Collecting Constable Richard Dodges Lists amounted to fivetey one pounds thirteen shillings	00. 5.8
	£51.13.0
out of which his first payment to pay to the Treashurer was: Twenty five pounds thirteen shillings 8[d]	25.13.8
his second list or part the same sum	£25.13.8
	£51. 7.4
The remainder of said Lists being five shillings 8[d] was allowed him towards his Collecting ——— ——	00 5 8
	£51.13.0

A Certificate of the names of the aboves[d] Constables was sent to the Treashure[r] with an account of the sum̃s in each of s[d] lists Com̃itted to s[d] Constables to Collect & pay in to him the s[d] Treashure[r]

Beverly perambulation

Att a meeting of the Select men Ap[ll] 6. 1697— Then a noate was drawne to send to the Select men of Beverley to Choose men to perambulate the lyne and renew the bounds between our Towne & said Beverley: according as they had bin formerley stated & settled & to meet at the house of Robart Cue in said Wenham on the eight day of this Instant Aprill at about nine of the Clocke in the forenoone.
which said noate was delivered to Mr. Samuel Balch one of the Select men of said Beverley the same day for the end aforesaid ———

Goodwife Woodward

Capt[t] Thomas Fiske Towne Treashurer was ordered to pay to Goodwife Woodard fourtene shillings 8[d] money for the Select mens Entertainment there: in makeing the lists of Assesment for the Countrey Rate ———

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* Att a meeting of the Select men April ye 6th 1697 ——

Beverly perambulation

Captt Thomas Fiske Ensigne Walter Fayrfield John Batcheler Junr Theophilus Rix with some of ourselves or so many of them as shall appeare are desired & appointed to goe on perambulation on the line & renew the bounds betwene our Towne & sd. Beverley according as they have bin formerly stated & setled; with such Gentlemen of Beverley as shall appear appointed for sd. service & to meet at the house of Mr. Robert Cue in sd. Wenham on the eight day of this Instant Aprill at about nine of Clock in the forenoone ——

Ipswich perambulation

Sergt. Thomas Patch one of the present Select men Richard Hutton Mr. Thomas Fiske Junr. Nathanll Walderne & John Browne or any thre of them are deseired & Appointed to meet with Ipswich Gentlemen att the hous of Mr. Walter Fayrfield in sd. Wenham on the 12th Day of this Instant April at eight of the Clock in the forenoone if fair weather if not the next fair day to goe on perambulation on the line & renew the bounds betwene our Towne and said Ipswich ——

Ipswich perambulation

Wee whose names are hear unto Subscribed being mett together this twelfth Day of April 1697 in behalf of our severall Towns Wenham & Ipswich to perambulate the lyne & renew the bounds betwene our severall Townes have mutually agreed & renewed the severall bounds on sd. lyne Eastward of the Center tree to Manchester lyne according as they have bin formerley stated & setled as wittness our hands the day above said, where as ther was a buntch of maples for the bounds between John Knoulton Senr: and Sar. Thomas Patch Senr: they being blown up we sett downe a white oake stake as neare the Root as wee could: for a rang bound —— ——

	marke
Robert Kinsman	Richard R. H. Hutton
	his
Joseph Euleth	Thomas Patch
Isaac Ringe	John Browne
Samll Ingalls Junr	

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* Att a meeting of the Select men (*page 126)
Aprill ye 19th 1697 ——

Salem perambulation

Lt. William Fiske Thomas Kemball |Ebenezer Batcheler John Edwards Junr| with Mr. John |Newman| & William Fayefield: two of the present Select men: are deseired & Appointed or any two of them to Joyn with Salem Gentlemen that shall appear Appointed to perambulate the line & renew the bounds betwene Salem & our towne |according as they have bin formerly stated & setled &| to meet at the hous of Captt John Dodge on the 27th Day of this Instant April att about nine of the Clock in the forenoone on said Day

Tho. Piper and wife

Ordered that the Towne Clarke doe forthwith take Care to gett a warrant from a Justice for the Carrying of Thomas Piper & his wife out of or Towne.

Salem Vote

Salem Att a meeting of the Select men Aprill 6th 1697 ———

Mr. Samuel Browne Mr. William Gedney & Sergnt. John Leach are chosen & Appointed to perambulate & Settle the bounds betwixt our said towne with such persons of the Towne of Wenham as shall be Appointed & Chosen to meet them for that end & to meet att Captt John Dodges at nine a Clock in the morning on the last Tuseday in Aprill Currant Viz. the 27th day —

Salem perambulation

Vera Copia Attest: John Croade *Cllee* Salem

Wee whose names are under written being Appointed by the Selectmen of our respective Townes went In perambulation in the bounds betwene our said townes this 27th Day of Aprill 1697 we have accordingley renewed said Bounds betwene our said towns Begining att a white oake which is Topsfield bounds and from thence proceded according to Agreement made the 27th February 1681: and In Confermation hearof we have heare unto sett our hands this 27th Day of Aprill 1697 ——

for Wenham	for Salem
William Fayrfield	Joh Leach
John Edwards	Samll Browne
Ebenezer Batcheler	William Gedney

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* Att a meeting of the frehold[rs] and other Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled May the 4th 1697—for Choyce of

Jurors

Juro[rs] to serve att the next Superio[r] Court to be holden att Ipswich: & also for Choyce of a Representative for the Generall Court ——

The Towne made Choyce of L[t] William Fiske to serve on the grand Jurey: and Josiah Dodge Thomas Fiske Jun[r] & John Gott to serve on the Jury of Tryall at s[d] Court — — —

Representative

Voated that the Towne will send a representative to the next Generall Court to be holden att Boston May the 26th 1697 — — — — —

Cap[tt] Thomas Fiske Chosen for Representative for the next Generall Court

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Att a meeting of the Select men
May 31th 1697 —— —— ——

Sexton

Then Agreed with Ensigne John Batcheler for to take care of the meeting hous for the yeare ensuing to Ring the bell & sweepe s[d] house as often as need shall require & he to be allowed for his care & pains in the matter Twentey six shillings as money to be paid by the towne—

Pound-keeper

Agreed that Jonathan Moulton shall keep the pound for the year Ensuing —— ——

Jurors

Att a Towne meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled June 24: 1697 —— for the Choyce of Juro[rs] for the next Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be holden att Salem —— ——

Robart Hebbart Sen[r] Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey for the yeare Ensuing —— ——

John Bare: John Browne: & Caleb Kimball Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att the said Court — —

Warrant for Town meeting

Att a meeting of the Select men
July the 21th 1697 —

Then Agreed & ordered that the Towne Clerke doe give out a warrant to the Constables to warne a Towne meeting to be attended att the meeting hous on Monday the second Day of August next Ensuing att five of the Clocke in the afternoone to give order what way shall

be taken for procuring money to pay the Representative & other towne debts: wheither by makeing sale of some small strips of Coñon land or by a rate: & also to give notice to people to bring in att that time true bills of ther Poles & Estates,——and order the Constables to make return of ther warrant

said meeting was putt of to ye 4th of August att Ten of the Clock in the forenoone —

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*Att a Towne meeting of the freholders & other Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled August ye 4th 1697. (*Page 128)

Capt Thomas Fiske Chosen Moderator for this meeting — Moderator

Voated that the towne will make sale of the severall percells of land hearafter mentioned: Viz. that small stripp of land leying betwene the land of Nathaniel Walderne & Thomas Whites land & also a small stripp of land leying by John Dodges land so much as may be for the straightening his lyne from his white oake Tree to the Corner of his fence neare the Grape Vine & an other small stripp of land leying at the Northwardley end of Wenham Causway & on the Westwardley side of the Road, and the Townes part in the Island caled Wenham Island for procureing mony for the paying the townes debts —— —— —— Land to be sold

Voated that the Towne makes Choyce of Sergt Thomas Patch Mr John Newman & Ensigne John Porter as a Comittey fully Impowring them or the major part of them to make sale of any or all the aforesaid percells of land in the towns name: & the towne will rattify & Conferme the said sales by them made to any person or persons — — —

Voated that for as much as John Dennis who was one of the Constables the last yeare has absented himself & has not Collected that part of Mr Gerrishes rate yt was Coñitted to him to Collect: the Towne now makes Choyce of Constable Richard Dodge for the Collecting of what is Remaining due of sd List & paying the same into the reverend Mr Gerrish forthwith; and accordingley a warrant was granted to sd Const for Collecting ye same —— Constable John Dennis Constable

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Att a meeting of the Select men
August the 24th 1697 ——

Account

Then Received of John Dodge Junr for a small percell of land sould to him adjoyning to his own land by the Comittey above mentioned being to make sd Dodges line streight from his white oake tree to the Corner of his fence neare the Grape Vine, in money £1.10.0
Paid out of said money for the townes vse: To Goodwife Woodward for the Select mens Expences in makeing the lists of assesments for the Countrey Rate in money thirteen shillings: 0.13.0 —— To Mr John Newman which the towne owed him for money he had Exspended & layd out & paper for the Townes vse: fiveteen shillings £0.15.0 —

[*On the inside of the cover at the end of the book]
Goodwife Woodward

* Goodwife Woodward Cr. for Exspences
May 24th 1697: seven shillings —— x
Aug 20: more six shillings
which was paid her in mony

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* Att a meeting of the Select men
August the 20th 1697—

Rate

By vertue of a warrant from Mr James Taylor Countrey Treashurer
A Rate was made on the Poles & Estates in and belonging to the towne of Wenham in two Lists & Comitted to the two Constables (Viz)

Constable James Freinds List amounted to Twentey two pounds seven shillings & 6d	£22.7.6
out of which he was ordered to pay to Mr. James Taylor Countrey Treashurer Twentey two pounds seven shillings 6d	£22.7.6
Constable Richard Dodges List amounted Twentey pounds Twelve shillings 8d	£20.12 8
out of which he was ordered to pay to the Countrey Treashurr seventeen pounds twelve shillings & 6d	17.12.6

the remainder of his list being Thre pounds & 2[d] the said Constable was ordered to in to the Select men for the Townes use by the first day of November next Ensuing	3.0.2
	£20.12.8

which Lists ware delivered to the two Constables

Att a meeting of the freholders & other Inhabitants of Wenham assembled in Towne meeting Nov[b] 2[d] 1697

Jurymen

Ensine John Batcheler was Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey: att the next Superio[r] Court to be holden at Salem: & Sam[ll] Kemball & William Fayrfield to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls at said Court.

Att a meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham

Nov[b] 15. 1697

Moderator

Ensigne Fayrfield Chosen moderato[r] for this meeting — Voated that the Towne will make Choyce of Assesso[rs] for makeing the list of Assesment ——

Voated that the Towne will make Choyce of thre men for Assesso[rs].

Assessors

Voated that the Towne makes Choyce of Cap[tt] Fiske. L[t] W[m] Fiske & Ensigne Porter for Assesso[rs]

Ensigne John Porter refusing to accept as an Assesso[r] Ensigne Walter Fayrfield is chosen assesso[r] in his stead.

Assessment

Voated that all those of our Inhabitants that did not give in true bills of ther poles & estates to the Select men in the sixth month: shall now bring in true bills of ther poles & estates that they had in ye sixth month to ye Assesso[rs] by the 19th of this Instant or they shall be rate[d] will [doome]—

(*page 130) Order as to cutting trees on the Common

* Voated that noe person or persons in our towne shall fall or Cutt any green tree or trees upon our towne Co̅mon for firewood till the first day of March next ensuing the date heareof on the penaltey of five shillings for everey tree so fallen or Cutt: also voated that whoe so ever of our Inhabitants shall fall or Cutt any Timber tree or trees upon our Towne Co̅mon orderley that is by leave from the Select men shall forthwith Cutt up the

topp of said tree or trees into firewood fitt for the fire within six days after the falling s^{d} tree or trees & if said wood be not Caried away within one month after the falling of said tree or trees s^{d} wood shall be free for any of our Inhabitants to Carey away: & if any of our Inhabitants shall not cutt up the topps of such tree or trees by him fallen within a week as aforesaid such person or persons shall forfitt five shillings for every tre so fallen ——

The Towne makes Choyce of John Dodge Junr & Samuel Kellum to looke after the Coñon at the Eastwardley part of our town & Samuel Kellum & William Fayrfield for to looke after the Coñon on the other part of the towne to se that the above said orders be not Transgressed.

Voated that the penalties before expressed shall be one half to the persons before mentioned that are appointed to looke after the Comon for ther prosecuting the same & the other half to the use of the towne which said penalties shall be taken by distress by warrant from the Select men by the Constable ——

Assessors

The Assesso^{r} Chosen & mentioned on the other side refused to accept to make the said List of assesment for the Countrey Rate.—

Order as to

Att a meeting of the Select men November 15th 1697—

Rate committed to John Dennis

Then agreed that the Towne Clerke to grant a warrant to Constable Richard Dodge for Collecting the Remainder of the List for Mr Gerrishes Rate for the yeare 1696 that was Coñitted to Constable John Denniss to Collect and he haveing absented himself & not Collect the same & the Towne haveing made Choyce of Const^{a} Dodge for Collecting the Remainder of said List.

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* Att a meeting of the Select men November 23th 1697 —

Rate

A Towne rate was made on the Inhabitants in Wenham for the paying of the Reverend Mr. Joseph Gerrishes Salerey for this Instant yeare 1697: in two distinct Lists and Coñitted to the two Collectors with a warrant on each List which Rate was to be paid two

thirds parts of it in pay & one third part of it in money or as money

Samuel Kemball Sen[r] Collectors list amounted to in pay Twenty one pound four shillings & 9[d]	£21.4.9
& in money or as money Ten pounds seventeen shillings	£10.17.0

Also a list for a wood rate of sixteen Cords & five foott with a warrant on it.

out of which list he was ordered to se paid in to Mr. Gerrish in pay Twenty one pounds four shillings & 9[d] ————	21.4.9
and in money or as money Ten pounds eleven shillings 3[d]	£10.11.3
& to allow to Joseph Herrick out of his rate in money two shillings	00.2.0
& to John Herrick out of his rate in money thre shillings	00.3.0
Mr. Thos. Fiske Jun[r] Collect[ors] List amounted to in pay eighteen pounds thirteen shillings 10[d]	£18.13.10
& in money or as money nine pounds nineteen shillings 6[d]	9.19.6
out of which he was ordered to se paid in to M[r] Gerrish in pay eighteen pounds thirteen shillings	£18.13.0
& in money or as money nine pounds eleven shillings 6[d]	09.11.6
and to allow to John Dodge by the mill out of his rate in money four shillings	00.04.0
& to Josiah Dodge Thre shillings in money out of his rate	00.03.0
they & the Herricks being by mistake over charged in ye last Countrey rate	

Rate

Also there was a list for a wood rate of Thirteen Cords & four foott with a warrant on it which was to be paid in to Mr. Gerrish. said Collectors ware ordered to se said rates both *of pay & money paid in to said Mr. Gerrish by the first day of Jan[ry] next Ensuing & to Isue & Cleare ther accounts with the Select men by the first

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day of Februarey next & the wood rates to be paid in by the first day of Aprill next Ensuing —

Rate

Att the same meeting of the Select men — November 23th 1697 —

A Rate was made on the poles & estates in & belonging to the towne of Wenham for our proportion to the Countrey & Countey Charges: by vertue of a warrant from the Treashurer & from the Clerke of the Sestions of the Peace. and an addition for some towne Charges which rate was made in two destinct Lists & Comitted to the two Constables.

Constable James Friends List amounted to Twentey seven pounds thirteen shillings & 2d	27.13.2

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out of which he was ordered to pay to the Treashurer of ye province seventeen pounds six shillings	£17.6.0
To the Treashurer of ye Countey thre pounds nine shillings	03.09.0
To Ensigne John Batchelder for ringing ye bell & keeping the meeting hous one pound six shillings according to Agrement	01.6.0
To Mr. John Porter for money lent to Captt Fiske representative 12s & for nailes & a bell rope for ye meeting hous 4s 6d & for money pd. Goodwife Woodward for the Select mens Expences in makeing the lists of Assesments eleven shillings 6d in all Twentey eight shillings	1.8.0
Rate To Joseph Herrick for himself & Peter Tompsons rate he paid eight shillings 6d: John Batcheler Junr. two shillings 10d John Berrey 2s 11d: Samuel Fiske Senr. six shillings 4d Charles Gott Junr. 3s 6d Joseph Hacker 2s 7d John Leach 4s 5d John Moulton 1s 11d & John Newman 3s in all one pound sixteen shillings which sums are due to said persons for money they paid to the towne rate in the yeare 1696. that was made for ye buying the land caled Wildmans Necke which was not purchased	1.16.0

To Cap[tt] Thomas Fiske Town Treashurer for the Townes use Thirtey eight shillings	1.18.0
Carried over leafe — — —	£27..04.0

* Brought from below on the other side of what Cons[t] Freind was ordered to pay out of his list £27.04.0 (*page 133)

the remainder of said List being nine shillings 2[d] was allowed sd. Constable for Collecting	0.9.02
	£27.13.02

Constable Richard Dodges List amounted to Twenty five pounds one shilling 10[d]	£25.1.10
out of which List he was ordered to pay to Mr. James Taylor Treashurer of the province in money Twentey four pounds fourteen shillings	24.14.0
the remainder of said list being seven shillings 10[d] was allowed said Constable for Collecting	00.7.10
	£25.01.10

And said Constables ware both ordered to make the severall payments so as to Isue & make & Cleare there Accounts with the Select men by the first day of March next Ensuing ————

Att a Towne meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled December ye 20th 1697

Zacheas Goldsmith John Edwards and Theophilus Rix Chosen to serve on Jurey Att the next Enferiour Court of Pleas to be holden at Salem — Jurymen

* Att a meeting of the Select men
November 23th 1697 (*page 79)

Libertey Granted to Thomas Kemball to gitt Thre pine Trees & two hemlock Trees one the towne Comon for board & planke & Two hundred of Rayles & fivety posts & one oake tree for Gice Thre small Trees for Sleepers — Liberty to get timber &c. on the Common

Nathaniel Walderne Six hundred of Rayles & one hundred & fivety posts and Timber for building an end to his barne of Twenty foott long —

Sergt. Patch Thre hundred of Rayles & Timber for plank for a barne floare ————

Ensigne John Porter one hundred of Rayles & six pine Trees for board & fivety posts.

John Newman one hundred of Rayles fivety posts & four pine trees for boards.

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Liberty to get timber on the Common

* Att a meeting of the Select men for granting Libertey to the Inhabitants to gitt Timber on the Towne Comon for ther owne use in the Towne Dec. 27. 1697

Libertey granted to Benj:[a] Edwards for Timber for building an end to his barne of fourteen foott long and for one hundred of Rayles ————

Mordichai Larkum Two hundred of Rayles and fivety posts: for fenceing his land ————

John Gott six pine Trees for to make board and shingle for a Leantoo to his hous ————

John Browne Two hundred of Rayles and fivety posts and libertey for Gurts for his barne & slepers to lay a floare on in his dwelling hous ——

Goodman Cue Thre score posts & one hundred of Rayles & thre pine Trees for boards ————

Sergt. James Freind Pine Timber Trees a nuff to make one Thousand of board for finishing his dwelling hous — & Two hundred of Rayles & fivety posts —

Robart Hebbart one hundred of Rayles & fivetey posts for fencing his land ——

Theophilus Rix Two hundred of Rayles and fivety posts for fenceing his land —

Caleb Kemball one hundred & half of Rayles & fivety posts & two pine Trees ————

Ephraim Kemball Tenn pine Trees for to make board & shingle for finishing his Dwelling hous six oake Trees for slepers & one hundred of rayles & fourty posts ——

Josiah Dodge foure hundred of Rayles & for two hundred of posts Thre Trees to make sleepers for a barne floare ———— six pine & hemlock Trees for to make planke & shingle ————

Sergt. John Batcheler two hundred of rayles & fivety

posts, & a little pine Timber to make up what he hath already gott for building a barne & four pine Trees for boards ————

John Dodge one hundred of Rayles & Timber to make planke for a barne floare —— one walnut Tree for to make Coggs for the Corne mill

Charles Gott Junr. Two hundred of Rayles & fivety posts & Timber for building of an end to his barne of fourteen foot long and six pine Trees for boards ——

Lt. Charles Gott three hundred of Rayles

John Edwards sixtey posts & Timber for a Leantow for his barne ————

Cap^{tt} Fiske Thre hundred of Rayles |& thre pine Trees|

Lt. Thos. Fiske |pine| Timber for building his hous & for planke & board

Goodman Fowler Timber for building an end to his hous two hundred of Rayles ————

David Maxey Thre hundred of Rayles one hundred of posts ————

(*page 134) An. Town Meet^{g}

Moderator

* At a generall Towne meeting of the freholders & other Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled March 1st 1697/8 Captt Thomas Fiske Chosen moderator

Selectmen

Voated that ther shall be five Select men chosen for this yeare: —— Cap^{tt} Thomas Fiske Deacon William Fiske Ensigne Walter Fayrfield Samuel Kemball & John Newman Chosen Select men for the yeare Ensuing.

Constables

Ensigne John Batcheler Chosen Const. for the Westwardly end of the towne ——

Sergt. Thos. Patch Chosen Constable for the Eastwardley part of the Towne

Town Clerk

John Newman Chosen to Continue in the office of Towne Clerke for the year Ensuing ——

Surveyors

Robert Cue Chosen Survey^{r} of the highways for the Westwardley part of the towne ——

John Browne chosen Survey^{r} of the highways for the middle part of the towne

John Coy Chosen Surveyr. of the highways for the Eastwardley part of the towne called the neck Eastward of ye great pond brooke ——

Fence-viewers

William Fayrfield & Ephraim Kemball Chosen fence vewers for ye westwardley part of the towne ——

Robart Hebbart Senr. & Sam[ll] Kellum Chosen vewers of fences for the Eastwardly part of the towne for ye yeare ensuing ———

John Pirkins & Charles Gott Jun[r] Chosen for fence vewers for the middle part of the towne for ye yeare Ensuing — — —

Collectors

Voated that ther shall be two Collecto[rs] Chosen for ye gathering in of our ministers rate for this year Ensuing —— ——

William Fayrfield Chosen Collecto[r] for the gathering in of our ministers rate of that part of the towne westward of ye Countrey road for ye year Ensuing ——

Nathaniel Walderne Chosen Collecto[r] for the gathering in of our ministers rate of that part of the towne Eastward of the Countrey roade for the yeare Ensuing—

Saw mill bridge &c.

Voated that whereas ther is a difference betwene the Towne & the proprieto[rs] of the Saw mill about the repairing of the bridg & Causways going over to the neck which said bridg is flowed by the waters being stoped by said proprieto[rs] of the Saw mill:—the Towne Eastward of the Straits doe Agre to allow every man a day worke towards the repairing of said bridge & Causways which shall be attended at the Survey[rs] warning ——

(*page 135) Mercy Fiske

* Voated that the Towne will make Choyce of Thre persons to goe and treat with Docto[r] Edward Wells about the Cost which he demands & has recovered Judgment for as haveing bin exspended about Mercy Fiske while she lay sick & lame, & also to agre with him said Wells on the townes behalf if they can or els that the Appeale that is entered to be prosecuted on the townes behalf —

L[t] W[m] Fiske L[t] Thomas Fiske & Ensigne John Porter are Chosen a Comittey to goe & treat with Doct[r] Wells, & agree with him about ye Cost above mentioned, & what they shall doe in the matter the towne will stand by: & Conferme ——

Adjournment

The Towne meeting is adjourned till to morrow being ye 2[d] of this Instant att twelve of the Clock to meet at the meeting hous —

Att the adjournment of the Generall Towne meeting March ye 2d 1697/8

Thos. Edwards admitted

Thomas Edwards now of Chebacco in Ipswich is accepted a townes man in our towne as an Inhabitant & ther is the priveledge of a Comonage granted to the liveing which he bought of his brother John Edwards —

Weekly Contribution for the Pastor

Voated that the weekley Contribution for our Pastor Mr Gerrish shall be duley attended and kept up and the Inhabitants what mony they shall contribute shall be bound up in a paper with the persons name ritten thereon ——

Haywards

John Gott & John Moulton are Chosen for haywards or feild drivers for the year Ensuing ——

Land to be sold to pay Dr. Weld

Voated that ther shall be some peice of our Comon att the East end of the Towne sold to procure money to pay Doctor Weld and that there shall be three men Chosen for a Comittey who shall have full power to make sale of some land att the Eastwardley end of our Towne of the Comon for the end aforesaid —

Lt Thomas Fiske Sergt Thomas Patch & Samuel Kemball Senr are Chosen for the Comittey aforesaid who have full power to make sale of land as aforesaid on the Townes behalf:

Widow Small, for care of Mercy Fiske

Voated that the towne will pay the widdow Small of Salem fourtey shillings money in full for her nursing, and attendance on the widdow Mercy Fiske while she lay sick and lame att her hous ——

(*page 136) Representative

*Att a Meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled for Choyce of a Representative for the next Generall Court or assembley to be held att Boston ye 25th May next & also for choyce of Jurors for the next Superior Court: May ye 9th 1698

John Newman Chosen for Representative for the next Generall Court or assembly to be held att Boston for his Majtys service —

Jury men

Samuel Fiske Senr Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey and —— —— ——

Benjamin Edwards Ephraim Kemball and John Batcheler Junr are Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att the next Superior Court to be holden att in May next —

Constable

Voated that whereas Ensigne John Batcheler was Chosen a Constable for the Westwardley part of the Towne and said Ensigne Batcheler haveing hired Sergt. Thoˢ Patch to serve in his stead who was chosen Constable for the other part of the towne: the Towne Excepts of Sergt. Thos. Patch to serve as Constable for the whole towne for this yeare Ensuing ————

N. Waldern

Voated that Nathaniel Walderne shall be Excused from fencing the high way over a Cross his land which he bought of Zacheus Goldsmith for this yeare Ensuing upon Condition that he shall make two Conveniant hors gates for the townes use and hang them upon the land of Joseph Fowler & Zacheus Goldsmith where the high-way is to goe over ther land by Agrement by the 21ᵗʰ day of this Instant May & also to keep conveniant hors gates where they now are upon his said Walderns land:

Gates

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* Boston June 17ᵗʰ 1698

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Receipt

Rec'd. of Mr. Wᵐ Gidney Serriff for the Countey of Essex eleven pounds eight shillings & 8ᵈ by ye hands of Mr. Grove Hirst it being in full of an Execution upon John Denniss Constable of Wenham recd. for Mr James Taylor Treasur. ——— £11.8.8

per. Jer: Allen

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Rates

* Att a meeting of the Select men July ye 20ᵗʰ 1698 ——

A List was made on the poles and estates in & belonging to the Towne of Wenham for our proportion to the Tax of the Province with an addition for paying the Representative for his service att Generall Court: which List amounted to ye sum of Twentey eight pounds two shillings 8ᵈ money £28.2.8 which list was Coñitted to Constable Thomas Patch to Collect with a warrant upon it — and said Constable was ordered to pay out of it as followeth Viz —

To Mr. John Taylor Treasur[r] of ye province or his successo[r] in said office According to his warrant Twentey Two pounds Tenn shillings money ————	£22.10.0
To Mr. John Newman for his serveing ye Towne as Representative at Generall Court four pounds ten shillings att or before the sixteenth day of August next Ensuing	04.10.0
To Goodwife Woodward for ye Select mens Expences Ten shillings 6[d]	00.10.6
The remainder of said list he was ordered to pay in to ye Select men so as to Isue his accots. with them by ye 1st day of November next Ensuing —— ——	

Seat in the Meets House

Att a Towne meeting of the free holders & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled: Octo[r] 25th 1698 ——

Voated that upon the request of Mr. Abraham Tilton Sen[r] of Ipswich for libertey to build or sett up a small seate in our meeting hous at the Eastwardley end of the pulpitt for himself to sitt in the towne grants his request: alwais provided that when he shall leave of useing of it himself it shall returne to the towne to be att ther disposall

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Jurors

Att a Towne meeting of the frehold[rs] and Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled Nov[b] 2[d] 1698————

for Choyce of Juror[s] for the next Superior. Court of Judicature to be holden att Salem ——

Sergt. Richard Hutton Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey & Mr. Isaac Hull Sen[r] & Ensigne Fayrfield to serve on the Jury of Tryalls at said Court —

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Rate

* Att a meeting of the Select men December ye 1st 1698 ——

A towne Rate was made on the poles & estates in & belonging to the towne of Wenham for paying the Reverend Mr. Joseph Gerrishes Sallery for this Instant year 1698 & other Towne charges as Ringing the bell & keeping the meeting hous &c: which rate was made in two destinct lists & Comitted to the two Collecto[rs] with a

warrant on each list & was to be paid one third part of it in money or as money the other two thirds in Currant pay: according to Agreement ——

William Fayrfields Collect^{ors} list amounted to in the whole Thirtey four pounds ten shillings 1^{d}	£34.10.1
and he was ordered to make payment out of said Rate to the Reverend Mr. Gerrish Thirtey two pounds five shillings	£32.5.0
To Ensigne John Batcheler for Ringing ye bell & keeping the meeting hous Thyrtey shillings	1.10.0
To Thomas Fiske Junr for the Select mens Expences in mony ten shillings	0.10.0
The Remainder of said List being five shillings 1^{d} was allowed for Collecting	0.5.1
	£34.10.1

Also a wood Rate of seventeen Cords each mans proportion of it being entered in the Margent of said Rate against each mans name which wood was also to be paid in to Mr. Gerrish ————

Nathaniel Walderne Collecto^{rs} List amounted to in the whole Twentey eight pounds thre shillings	28.3.0
and he was ordered to make payment out of said Rate to the Reverend Mr. Gerrish Twenty seven pounds fiveteen shillings —	£27.15.0

said Collecto^{rs} ware ordered to Isue & make up ther acco^{tts} of the money & pay parts of said Rates by the Last day of Februarey next Ensuing with the Select men —

Also ther was a wood rate of —— Cords each mans proportion in it being entered in the Margent of said Rate against each mans name which wood was also to be p^{d} into Mr. Gerrish ————

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Warrant for Town Meeting as to Common

* Att a meting of the Select men
December ye 16th 1698 —

Then Agreed & ordered that the Towne Clerke doe give out a warrant to ye Constable to warne the fre-

holders & other Inhabitants qualified to voate in towne affaires to assemble & meet together at ye meeting hous on fryday the Twenty third of this Instant att about ten of ye clock in ye forenoon to Consider & agree of some sutable way for proserving & improving of ye townes Interest in the Comon land leying at ye Eastwardley end of our towne between Turnup Swamp so called & Mr Wests farme Ipswich & Manchester line & so to Beverly line together with some comon land leying adjoyning to Rack Coone marsh so called as also that peice of comon land leying at the Westwardly end of our towne near Lords hill so called either by deviding the same or some other sutable way that the towne agree on —

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* Att a Towne meeting of the freholders & other Inhabitants of Wenham assembled December ye 23th 1698: according to the order of 16th of this Instant December

Moderator

Ensigne Walter Fayrfield chosen moderator

Voated

Blank —

Adjournment

This Towne meeting is adjourned |by the moderator| to the first seconday or monday in January next to be attended att the meeting hous att about Ten of ye Clocke in the forenoon — also notice was given by the moderator then present to the Inhabitants to consider of: that so att the adjournment of this meeting they might agree of some sutable way for the preservation of the wood & timber upon other of the Comon land belonging to this towne & perticulerley the great swamp either by devideing the same or otherwise as the Towne shall agree to —

Att the adjournment of the Towne meeting on the 2d Janry 1698 —

Moderator

Ensigne Walter Fayrfield who was the moderator being taken sick & not able to attend the meeting ——

Captt Thomas Fiske is now chosen Moderator in his stead to Cary on this meeting —

Disorderly speaking in Town Meets

Voated that who ever shall presume to speak disorderly |in the towne meeting| without leave of the Moderator shall pay a fine of six pence to the use of the towne —

Preservation of Timber on the Common

Voated that for the preservation of the townes Interest in the Coñon land & improveing the wood & timber That all the wood & Timber upon all our Coñon land Eastward of the great pond brooke so called to John Coys fence as now it standeth & then takeing the brooke that runeth out of the pond adjoyning till it cometh to Ipswich lyne, & from John Coys hous to Rack coone marsh so called shall belong to the *Comoners who live Eastward of the great pond |brooke| aforesaid and that all the wood & Timber on all our Coñon land Westward of said great pond brooke, except a peice of Comon land leying at the westwardley end of our Towne near Lords Hill so called shall belong to the Coñoners whoe dwell westwardley from said brooke & that each part or devision of Comoners shall have full power to agree & make such orderes as they and each of them shall so meet from time to time for preserveing and useing of the wood & Timber upon each of the devitions aforesaid

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Commoners

Voated that Rice Knoulton is accepted as an Inhabitant & to have Towne priveledges as a Coñon^{r} on ye account of the liveing which his father bought —

Thomas Patch Junr is accepted as a Coñoner in our towne.

Samuel Kemball Junr is accepted to have priveledge as a Coñoner in our towne on the account of the liveing which his father bought of Sam^{ll} Moulton —

Samuel Porter is accepted as a Coñon^{r} in our towne on the account of that liveing which his father bought of Sam^{ll} Fiske.

Samuel Fiske is accepted as a Coñoner in the right of his brother Joseph Fiske: who was accepted and is removed to Ipswich —

Benjamin Fiske is accepted as a Coñoner in our towne —

William Rogers is accepted as a Coñoner in the towne on the account of the liveing which he has bought of Lt Gott.

Common to be divided

Voated that all the Coñon land leying Eastwardley of Turnup bridge swamp so called, & of a lyne from John Coys hous to Rackoone marsh together with a peice of Comon land that leyeth at the westwardley end of our

towne near Lords hill so called shall be equally devided & proportioned to every Coñoner in our towne an equall share both for quantitey & qualytey as neare as may be.

Voated that there shall be thre men chosen for a Coñittey to devide & proportion the land abovesaid and Serg^{t} Thomas Patch William Fayrfield & John Newman are chosen and appointed for the said Comittey.

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* Att a meeting of the Select men (*page 142)
Jan^{ry} ye 18th 1698/9 — Rate

A list was made on the Poles and Estates in & belonging to the towne of Wenham for our proportion to the Tax of the province with an addition for paying the Representative for his service att Generall Court which list amounted to Thyrtey nine pounds seventeen shillings & 10^{d} money — £39.17.10
and said List was Coñitted to Constable Thomas Patch to Collect with a warrant upon it — and said Constable was ordered to make payment out of said Rate as followeth Viz.

To Mr James Taylo^{r} Treashur^{r} of the province or his successo^{r} in said office according to his warrant Thyrtey five pounds	£35.0.0
To Mr John Newman for service att Generall Court as Representative the last Sestions Thre pounds seventeen ——	3.17.0
To Mr Thomas Fiske Junr for the Select mens Exspenses in making the list & something which he disburst for the Releife of Goodwife Hobbs nineteen shillings 3^{d} ——	0.19.3

Att a meeting of the Select men
January: ye 30th 1698/9

Then Agreed with Wm Knoulton & his wife to take care of Goodwife Hobbs the widdow she being sick att theire hous: & said Goodwife Knoulton to be allowed for her care & pains two shillings per week in or as mony for her attendance & looking after her: for two weeks next coming, & to be allowed two shillings more per weeke for two weeks either in mony or such things as may be sutable for said Goodwife Hobbses releife, also Widow Hobbs

agreed to allow said Goodwife Knoulton four shillings more as mony or in mony for her pains in looking after & attending said Goodwife Hobbs for two weeks last past: She being sick & weake & not able to help her selfe, the whole to be paid in mony or as mony Viz. in fatt porke at 4^{d} per ^{lb}
butter 6^{d} per ^{lb} Indian Corne at 2^{s} 6^{d} per bushell—barly or bary mault at 3^{s} per bush^{ll}

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* Att a meeting of the Select men
Feb. 27th 1698/9 ———

Constables & Collectors Accounts

Appointed for reconing with ye Constables |& Collectors| for the Towne Rates Coñitted to them to Collect —
Constable Joseph Herricke had made payment of the rate Coñitted to him to Collect dated Nov^{b} 6th 1696 —
To Mr Gerrish: in pay £21.10.0: £11.0.0 mony —
To Ensigne Batchelder for keeping ye meeting hous 01.4.5 —
To Goodwife Woodward in money—0.5.0
Said Constable brought a Certificate under Mr Gerrishes hand entered on his rate & also a Certificate for his part of the wood rate entered on said rate ——

Samuel Kemball one of the Collect^{ors} for the towne rate for ye yeare 1697 brought a Certificate from Mr. Gerrish entered on his rate for pay £21.4.9 and in £10.11.3 also a Certificate of his part of the woodrate Coñitted to him to Collect.

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An. Town Meeting

* Att a Generall Towne meeting of the Freholders & other Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled March 7th 1698/9 —

Moderator

Cap^{tt} Thomas Fiske Chosen moderator.

Selectmen

Serg^{t} James Freind Ensigne John Porter William Fayrfield Thomas Kemball & John Newman Chosen Select men for ye yeare Ensuing ——

Constables

Voated that ther shall be two Constables chosen for ye yeare Ensuing —

Thomas Kellum Chosen Constable for that part of ye towne westward of the Countrey Roade for ye yeare Ensuing ——

John Coy Chosen Constable for that part of ye towne Eastward of the Countrey Roade for the year Ensuing

Town Clerk

Mr. John Newman chosen to continue in the office of Towne Clearke for ye yeare Ensuing —

Surveyors

Voated that ther shall be only one Surveyo^{r} for the highways Eastwardly of the Straites for ye year Ensuing — Benj^{a} Edwards Chosen Survey^{r} of highways for ye towne Eastward of ye Straits — John Gott is chosen Survey^{r} of highways Westward of the Straits for ye yeare Ensuing —

Fenceviewers

Sergt. John Batcheler Wm Rogers & Joshuah Wallis chosen for vew^{rs} of fences for ye yeare Ensuing—.

Tithingmen

Joseph Batcheler & Nathan^{ll} Walderne chosen Tythingmen for ye year Ensuing.

Field-drivers

John Berrey & Sam^{ll} Kemball Junr chosen for feild drivers for ye yeare Ensuing.——

Collectors

Richard Dodge Chosen Collecto^{r} for the ministers rate for that part of the towne Eastward of ye Country Roade, and John Pirkins for that part of the towne Westward of ye Country Road for ye year Ensuing

Repeal of the votes as to the division of the Timber on the Common &c.

Voated that the severall voates which past att the adjournment of a Towne meeting on the seconday of Jan^{ry} last past for the devition & improvement of the wood & timber on our towne Coñons & also for deviding of ye Coñon land that leyeth Eastwardley of Turnup bridge swamp so called & a peice of Comon land that leyeth at the westwardley end of our towne near Lords hill so called are hearby repealed & declared to be utterly void & of none efect —

Adjournm^{t}

The Above^{sd} Towne meeting is refered or adjourned to the next seconday or Munday being ye 13th day of this Instant March to meet at the meeting hous at twelve of ye Clock at noon to Compleat what buisness is yet remaining ——

(*page 145) Order as to trees on the Common

* Att the Adjournment of the Generall Towne meeting on the 13th Day of March 1698/9 ——

Voated that noe person or persons in our Towne shall fall or cary of any Green Tree or Trees either wood or Timber of of the Coñon land of our Towne for the space of Twelve months from the day of the date hearof with-

out leave orderly obtained from the Select men or the majo^{r} part of them att ther meeting appointed for that end & such leave entered in the Towne Booke on the penaltey of Twentey shillings per Tree for every Tree so fallen cutt or caried away being therof convicted before lawfull authoritey and the Select men are appointed to see that this order be duly prosecuted against any person or persons that shall Transgress the same — — And the Select men shall attend on the second Munday in March, July, October & Januarey between the ours of one of the Clocke & five in the afternoone for the granting of leave to persons, for there owne nessisarey use in the towne with as much Equitey & Justice as may be, and to meet at the hous of Lt. Thomas Fiske.

Sergt James Freind Samuel Kemball Senr. John Batcheller Joseph Fowler Mordichai Larkum & Samuel Kellum are chosen & appointed to looke after the Comons to se that the above order be not transgressed and said persons or any of them or any other person or persons that shall enforme and produce evidence of the breach of said order shall be allowed for there care & pains in the matter Twenty shillings for each tree that they shall so enforme of & produce evidence for, to be paid them by the Towne — —

Att a meeting of the Select men
March 13th 1698/9 for

Liberty to get timber on the Common

Granting libertey for gitting of Timber on the Cõmon

To Joseph Fowler to gett timber to make fiveteen hundred or Clabbords: & a few small Trees for Ribbs for his hous ———

To Mordichai Larkum hemlock Timber to make four Thousand of shingles to shingle his hous

To Sergt. Freind liberty for a hundred of Rayles.

To Goodman Trow liberty to gitt Timber for fivety posts

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* Att a meeting of the Select men April ye 12th 1699 ——

Widow Hobbs

Then agreed with Mr. John Porter one of the present Select men to keep Goodwife Hobbs the widdow for one

months time & he to be allowed & paid by the towne two shillings & 6^{d} per week as money: for what time she remaineth there: & she was brought from William Knoultons hous on the 14th day of this Instant April & carried the same day to sd. Porters Also agreed att the same time that who ever shall take the sd. Hobbs next to keep shall be allowed after the same rate per weeke — ——

Att a meeting of the Select men
May ye 2^{d} 1699

Manchester perambulation

Then Agreed that having received a notification from the Select men of Manchester to appoint some persons to meet with them to perambulate the line & renew the bounds betwene our towne & sd. Manchester on the 8th Day of this Instant May:
Mr. John Porter Mr. Thomas Kemball two of the present Selectmen & Mr Thos. Fiske Junr. Josiah Dodge Benj^{a} Edwards & John Coy or any three of them or so many of them as shall appeare are deseired & appointed to meet with such Gentlemen of Manchester as shall be appointed by the Select men of sd. Manchester: to Joyne with our men to perambulate the lyne & renew the bobunds between our townes: on the 8th day of this Instant May att about ten of the clock in the forenoon & to meet at the white oake tree with ye broken top: & marked with W & M if said day prove fair weather if not then the next fair day att ye time aforsaid ——

Topsfield perambulation

Then agreed that the lyne be perambulated & the bounds renewed betwene our towne & Topsfield on Tuseday the Twenty third day of this Instant May att about Ten of ye clock in the forenoon to meet at the north wardley end of Wenham Causway if fair weather if not then the next fair day & Sergt. James Frend & Wm Fayrfield two of the present Select men & John Batcheler Junr. John Gott & John Moulton or any thre of them |or so many of them as shall appeare| are appointed for said service to Joyne with such Gentlemen of Topsfield as |shall| appeare appointed for said service.

Which was accordingly performed on the said 23th Day of May ——

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Warrant for Town meets as to Representve

* A warrant was Granted to the Constables to warne a towne meeting to be attended, att the meeting hous on Fryday ye twelfth day of this Instant May to make choyce of a Representative for the next Generall Court or Assembley to be held & kept for his Magisties service one the Thyrtey first day of this Instant May: and the Constables made returne of the warrant that they had warned the freholdrs. & Inhabitants accordingly

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Att a Towne meeting of the Freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled May ye 12th 1699 for choyce of a Representative for the next Generall Court or Assembley to be held & kept for his Majesties service & also for choyce of Jurors for the next Superior Court to be holden at Ipswich ———

Representve

John Newman Chosen for Representative for the next Generall Court ——

Jurors

Lt. Wm Fiske & Thomas Patch Senr. Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey att the next Superior Court.
Lt. Thos. Fiske & Samll Kemball Senr chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att the next Superior Court

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Att a Towne meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled for to make Choyce of Assessors August ye 7th 1699 according to a warrant directed to ye Constable

Assessors

It being putt to the voat whether the Towne would make Choyce of Assessors for makeing ye list of assesment: it past on ye negative & it was left to the Select men there being other towne Charges to be added —

Att a meeting of ye Select men
August ye 7th 1699 —

Liberty to get timber

Libertey was granted to Benja Edwards to gett so much timber on the Comon as is nessisary for sleepers for his now dwelling hous: he being now in great nessesitey of them ——

Widow Hobbs

Also agreed that if Sergt. Thomas Patch will lett Goodwife Hobbs ye widdow have four pounds of sheeps woole for to improve for makeing her some Cloathing he shall be allowed for ye same out of the next Rate. —

Also agreed with Ebenezer Batcheler to Ring ye bell & sweep ye meeting hous for ye yeare Ensuing, begining ye 1st day of July last past & he to be allowed as money £1.6.0 — Sexton

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* Att a meeting of the Select men
August ye 23th 1699

(*page 148) Rate

Then a |Towne| Rate was made on the poles & estates in & belonging to the Towne of Wenham: for our proportion to the Countrey Tax & paying ye representative for service att ye Generall Court & some other |nessisary| towne Charges which rate was made in two destinct Lists and Comitted to ye two Constables |to Collect| with a warrant on each List to be paid in mony ——

Constable Thomas Kellums List amounted to seventeen pounds two shillinsg 3d —— 17.2.3
and said Constable was by his warrant to make payment to the severall persons hearafter named the Towne being Indebted to them Viz. ——————

To Ensigne Porter for keeping Goodwife Hobbs one month ——————	0.10.0
To Sergt Freind for money he paid the Glatier & corne & meal to Goodwife Hobbs	0.5.6
To William Fayrfield for mony disburst by him for the Townes use ——————	0.4.6
To Thomas Kemball Senr ——————	0.2.0
To Mr John Newman in part of his service as Representative out of ye first mony he Collects ——————	1.10.0
To Mr James Taylor Treashur of ye province according to his warrant — fourteen pound six shillings ———	14.6.0
The Remaindr being 4s 3d was allowed him for Collecting ———	0.4.3
	£17.2.3

Constable John Coys List amounted to thirteen pounds sixteen shillings 8d £13.16.8
said Constable was ordered by his warrant to make payment as followeth

To Mr John Newman of ye first mony he Collects of this rate in part for his service as Representative five pounds eight shillings	£5.8.0
and more for the townes use one pound two shillings ————	1.2.0
To Lt Thos Fiske for ye Select mens — Exspences in makeing said list ————	0.8.4
To Mr James Taylor Treashur of ye Province six pounds fourteen shillings according to his warrant ————	6.14.0
The remaindr of said list being 4s 4d was allowed him for Collecting ————	0.4.4.
	£13.16.8

Said Constables ware ordered to Isue — ther accots with the Select men by 1st Decb next —

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Receipt

* Thes may Certify whome it may Concerne that William Fayrfield Collectr hath Collected the rate Comitted to him for my self made for 1698. and I doe hearby give him discharge as Wittness my hand this 26th 7th 1699.

Joseph Gerrish —

Att a meeting of the Select men ——
October ye 9th 1699

Liberty to get timber

for Granting libertey to persons to gitt timber on the Townes Comon for their owne particular use in the towne according to towne order —— ——

To Samuel Kemball Senr to gitt Timber for one hundred of Posts and Thre hundred of Rayles & four pine or hemlock trees for Boards —— ——

Theopilus Rix Libertey for so much Timber as is nessisarey for ye frame of a barne of Twenty foott long & eighteen foott wide & Timber Trees for bords for Covering of it ——

To Rice Knoulton Timber for ye frame of a barne: of Thyrtey fott long & Twentey foott wide with Leantowes to it & Timber Trees for boards for the Covering & Inclosing of it & Timber for two hundred of Rayles —

To Samuell Kemball Junr Timber for ye building of ye frame of a barne of Twenty foott long & Twentey foott wide & Timber for boards for ye Covering & inclosing it —

To Serg^{t} James Freind Timber for Thre hundred of Rayles & one hundred of posts & for Eight Thousand of Shingle — — —

To Thomas Kemball Timber fivetey posts & one hundred of Rayles one hemlock tree for Planke & a tree for Geoyce —— ——

To William Fayrfield one hundred & half of Rayles & fivetey posts & two Trees of pine or hemlock for planke ——

To John Newman Thre Trees for shingle —

Jurors

Att a Towne meeting of ye frehold^{rs} & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled November ye 1st 1699 — for to make Choyce of Juro^{rs} for the next Superio^{r} Court of Judicature to be holden att Salem on the second Tuseday of this Instant Novem^{r} ——

Serg^{t} Thomas Patch Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey —— ——

Lt Wm Fiske & Samuel Kemball Senr Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att said Court —

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* Att a meeting of the Select men
November ye 27th 1699 ——

Rate

Then a rate was made on the poles & estates in & belonging to the Towne of Wenham in two destinct Lists for the paying of the Reverend Mr Joseph Gerrish his Sallerey for this Instant yeare 1699: & for Ringing the bell and keeping the meeting hous which lists ware Coñitted to the two Collecto^{rs} to gather with a warrant on each List which rate was to be paid on third part in money the other two thirds according to agrem^{t}—also ther was each persons proportion of wood was sett down in a distinct Collum, in each list ——

John Pirkins Collecto^{rs} list Amounted to — £34.9.8

& the proportion of wood on his list was sixteen cords & seven foott —— ——

he was ordered to pay to the Reverend M[r] Joseph Gerrish —— ——	£32.17.0
To Ebenezer Batcheler for keeping the meeting hous & Ringing the bell —	01.6.0
To John Newman for service done for the Towne —— — — —	0.3.0
the Remainder of said list being 3[s] 8[d] was allowed him for Collecting ——	0.3.8
	£34.9.8
Rich[d] Dodge Collecto[rs] list amounted to —	27.17.1
and the proportion of wood on his list which he was to Collect was Thyrteen Cords & thre foott —	
said Collecto[r] was ordered to pay out of his list to the Reverend M[r] Joseph Gerrish in part of his Sallerey for this Ins[t] yeare	£27.3.0
and to L[t] Thomas Fiske for the Select mens Exspences 7[s] & for the Townes use 4[s] ——	00.11.0
The Remainder of said list being 3[s] 1[d] was allowed him for Collecting ——	00.3.1
	£27.17.1

The said Rate was to be Collected & paid in to the persons to whome it was due att or before the first second day or Munday in Januarey next and the wood on each list was to be Collected & paid in to the Reverend M[r] Joseph Gerrish att or before the first day of April next ensuing ——

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Jurors

* Att a meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled December ye 19th 1699 for Choycce of Juro[rs] for the next Enferiour Court of Pleas to be holden att Salem on the last Tuseday of this Instant December —

Ephraim Kemball Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey ——

Lt. Thomas Fiske Joseph Batcheler & Samuel Kellum Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att said Court —

Att a meeting of the Select men Januarey ye 1st 1699 —

Widow Hobbs

Then Agreed with Benjamin Edwards to take the Widdow Hobbs & keep her & find her hous roome & fire wood from this time till the second Tuseday in March next Ensuing the date hear of, and he to be allowed for it fiveteen shillings in mony by the towne, and if in case she shall stand in need of any releife for provition the said Benjamin Edwards to releive her and keep an Exact account of what he shall supply her with all for nessesitey and present his account to the towne & to be allowed for it by the towne what he shall so nessisaryly Expend for her releife ———

Constables Accounts

Then a Warrant was Granted & signed by the Towne Clerke Directed to each of the Constables of this towne Viz. To Constable Thomas Kellum and Constable John Coy requireing each of ther to appeare att the hous of Lt. Thomas Fiske on Munday next being the Eight day of this Instant att about five of the Clock in the afternoon: to make up and Issue ther accounts with the Select men of the list of Assesment Comitted to each of them to Collect dated the 23th day of August last past —

(*page 152) Liberty to get timber on the Town Common

* Att a meeting of the Select men the 8th of Januarey 1699 for Granting of Liberty to our Inhabitants for Getting of Timber on the towne Comon according to the towne order —

To Ensigne Walter Fayrfield Libertey for Timber to make thre or four score Posts ——

To John Killum Timber for sixtey posts and two hundred of Railes —

To John Gott Libertey for a frame to sett up att the end of his Barne of Twentey two foott long & twentey foott wide & timber for Boards to Cover & Inclose the same —

To John Browne Timber for the frame of a Barne of Eighteen foott square to sett up to the end of his now barne: & Timber for Boards & shingle for the Covering and Inclosing of it ——

To Ephraim Kemball Libertey for six pine Trees for board & shingle ——

To Caleb Kemball five pine trees and one hemlocke: for Board & Planke —

To John Herrick Liberty for timber for an end to his Barne & a Leantow to it being a frame: of fourteen foot long & twentey two foott wide & Timber for boards & shingles for Covering & Inclosing of it — —
|and a Back Leantowe for his hous.

Joseph Hacker Libertey for Timber for a dwelling hous of Twenty six foott long & Eighteen foott wide and Timber for boards & Plank for the Covering Inclosing and finishing of it — —

To Joseph Herrick Liberty for Timber for a frame to sett up att the end of his barne of fourteen foott long & twentey two foott wide and Timber for board for the Covering & Inclosing of it ——

To John Berrey Libertey for so much Timber as may make shingle anuff for the Covering of his barne: & timber for a Leantoe on the fore side of his barne ——

To Benjamin Edwards Libertey for so much Timber as will make two or thre Thousand of shingle to shingle a small dwelling hous of his by his now dwelling hous:

To William Rogers: Timber to make so many shingle as will shingle the East side of his barne:

To Thomas Edwards two trees for Posts & two hundred of Railes: and Timber to build a small shopp: of Eighteen foott long & fourteen foott wide & boards for Covering & Incloseing of it —

To Thomas Kellum Libertey for timber for the building of a barne of Twentey five foott long & twentey two foott wide & timber for boards for Covering and Incloseing of it: & Timber for two hundred of Railes & a fourtey posts ——

(*page 153) * To Sergt. Thomas Patch Libertey for Timber for thre hundred of Railes and one hundred of Posts ——

To Thomas Patch Junr. Timber for two hundred of Railes & one hundred of Posts & Timber for board & Clabboards for his hous & sleepers for his hous ——

To the widdow Cue: libertey for fivetey posts & one hundred of Railes & two or thre Pine trees for boards —

To Mr. Joseph Gerrish Libertey for fivetey posts —

To Joseph Fowler for six pine Trees for board and one hundred of Posts —

To Ebenezer Batcheler: libertey for two hundred of Railes: and five pine Trees for boards, & some timber to make up what he hath already gott for the frame of a barne: and fivety posts ——

To Joshua Wallis timber for thre hundred of Railes & one hundred of posts, & timber for a Leantow to his barne:

To Richard Kemball: two maple Trees & two Oake trees: for to make wheles ——

To Allexsandr. Maxey libertey for one hundred of Railes & thirtey posts —

To Nathaniel Walderne: Libertey for so much Timber pine or hemlock as may make shingle anuf for the shingleing ye west end of his hous which he bought of John Abbey: and one hundred & half of Railes & fivety posts —— ——

To John Edwards Libertey for four pine Trees for boards: & two pine trees for shingle & two trees for posts: |& for a Leantow to his barne|

To Lt. Wm Fiske libertey for Ten pine and hemlock Trees for board & shingle for a Sider hous: & Timber for fourtey posts —

To John & Jonathan Moulton Libertey for thre hundred of Railes & Eighty posts ——

To John Severett Senr. two Oake trees for posts & Timber for a leantoe for his barne ——

To Sergt. James Freind foure pine Trees for boards—

To John Leach: Libertey for so many pine or hemlock Trees as will make one Thousand of boards and six Thousand of shingle & two or three sticks of Timber to make up what timber he hath already gott for a frame for a dwelling hous:

To Samuel Fiske Senr four pine or hemlock Trees for board & shingle, and fivety posts ——

To Samuel Kellum libertey for two hundred of Railes & twenty or thyrtey posts ——

To Samuel Fiske Junr. four pine or hemlock Trees: for board for the finishing the hous he lives in ——

To Zacheas Goldsmith Timber for a Dwelling hous of fourtey foott long and Twenty foott wide & Timber for boards & shingle & plank for finishing of it — —

(*page 154) * To Lt. Thomas Fiske four pine Trees for boards & a load of Poppler Timber —— ——

To John Newman 2 hemlock or pine Trees for planke or boards ——

To Ensigne John Porter: Timber for building a small mault mill to sett on the brooke by his dwelling hous & six pine or hemlock Trees for board & planke & sills for his hous he bought of Sam[ll] Fiske: & Two hundred of Railes & fivety posts —

To Thomas Kemball Thre pine Trees & one hemlock tree for board & planke and thre small oak trees for sleepers —

To M[r] Isaac Hull Libertey for to gitt Timber for two hundred of Railes: & fourtey posts ——

To Joseph Batcheler: Libertey for six trees of pine & hemlock for boards —

Widow Hobbs Then Agreed also that John Newman be allowed Thre Shillings & 6[d] money for keeping the widdow Hobbs from the Twentey fifth day of December last past to the third day of this Instant January & also Eighteen pence more in money which he paid for a man hors & slead to Carey the said Widdow Hobbs & her things to the hous of Benj[a] Edwards ——

Boston Novemb[r] 13th 1699

Rec[d] of M[r] Thomas Kellum Constable of Wenham Fourteen pounds six shillings in full of a warr[t] for said sum of fourteen pounds six shilling rec[d] for Mr. James Taylor Treashur[r]

Per Jer: Allen

£14.6

The above is a true Copie of the original receipt w[ch] ye s[d] Const. brought Attest John Newman

Towne Clerk —

Att a meeting of the Select men Februarey ye 16th 1699

Constable Accounts

Then Agreed that wher as Constable Thomas Kellum & Constable John Coy ware ordered by ther warrants to make payment to severall persons severall sums of mony out of the List of Assesment Comitted to them to Collect dated August 23th 1699 which they have negglected to performe

Its ordered that Mr. John Newman doe sue Const. Kellum: for Thyrtey shillings which he was ordered to pay to him out of said list: & that said Newman doe sue Const. Coy for Twentey two shillings which he was ordered to pay to him out of said list for the townes use —and that Mr. John Porter sue Const. Thos. Kellum for Tenn shillings which he was ordered to pay to him out of said list ——

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An. Town Meets

* Att a Generall Towne meeting of ye freholdrs & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled March ye 5th 1699/700 —— ——

Moderator

Captt Thomas Fiske Chosen Moderator for this meeting ——

Select men

Captt Thomas Fiske Thos Patch Senr Samuel Kemball Benja Edwards & Lt. William Fiske Chosen for Select men for the yeare Ensuing ——

Town Clerk

John Newman Chosen Towne Clerke for ye yeare Ensuing ——

Constables

Theophilus Rix Chosen Constable for that part of the towne westward of ye Countrey road for the yeare ensuing ——

John Edwards chosen Constable for that part of the towne Eastward of ye Countrey road for the yeare ensuing.

Treasurer

Sergt. Thomas Patch Chosen for Towne Treashurer for ye yeare ensuing ——

Surveyors

Joseph Fowler Senr. Chosen Surveyr of highways Eastward of the Straits so called ——

Samll Fiske Senr Chosen Surveyr of highways Westward of ye Straits ——

Tithingmen

Charles Gott Junr & John Browne Chosen for Tythingmen for ye yeare ensuing ——

Fence-viewers

John Pirkins Josiah Dodge & Joseph Batcheler Chosen for fence vew[rs] for ye year ensuing ——

Clerk of the Market

Ensigne Walter Fayrfield Chosen Clerke of ye markett for ye yeare ensuing ——

Collectors

It being putt to the voate wheither the towne would make Choyce of Collecto[rs] for gathering in of our ministers Rate for ye yeare ensuing it was voated on ye negative ——

David Maxey admitted

David Maxey is admitted as a Towne inhabitant to have Towne priveledge as a Comon[r].

Fielddrivers

John Gott & Benj[a] Fiske Chosen for field-drivers for ye yeare Ensuing ——

W[m] Dodge admitted

William Dodge: son of Richard Dodge is accepted as an Inhabitant to have towne priveledge as a Comon[r].

Pound

Voated that ther shall be butt one pound in the towne, & that to be built or sett up, upon the knoule: at ye westwardley end of Goodman Symondes shop or at the westwardley corner of sd. Symondses Orchard fence by the swamp which of the two places ye Select men shall Judge to be most Conveniant ——

Rate

Voated that the Towne Rate made by the Select men the 23th of August last past |& Comitted to Const. Kellum & Coy to Collect| for paying our proportion to the province Charges & the Representative & some other towne Charges is hearby allowed & Confermed by the Towne ——

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Rates

* Voated that the Select men are Impoured to make a rate on the poles & estates in & belonging to this towne for so much money as shall be nessisary for paying the Representative & releife of the Poor &c. for the yeare Ensuing & also for sattisfying of what has bin disbursted for keeping & releif of ye widdow Hobbs by Contribution or by order of ye Select men —

Exchange with John Dodge Jr.

Voated that wheras att a towne meeting ye 16th March 1686: In Answer to the request of John Dodge Jun[r] Ensigne Fayfield Corp[ll] John Kellum & John Bare ware Appointed to make an Exchang with him said Dodge of a strip of swamp & upland leying within his fence: & adjoyning to his fiveteen acc[rs] for land of his neare Henry Haggetts: which has heither to bin neglected, therfore the Towne now makes Choyce of Cap[tt] Thos. Fiske

Ensigne Fayrfield Sergt. James Freind Thos. Patch Senr. John Porter as a Comittey, they or the Majo^{r} part of them to make & Compleat said Exchange, & also to settle & renew bounds between the townes Coñon land & perticuler persons where it is needfull.

Warrant for Town Meet^{s} as to Widow Hobbs

Att a meeting of the Select men
of Wenham March 18th 1699/700

Ordered that the Constable shall warne the Inhabitants of our towne to meet on March Instant the 20th att or about four of the Clock in the afternoon att the meeting hous to Agree what is best to be don in order to the widdow Hobbs for her maintenance and Constable Theophilus Rix is hereby required in his Majesties name to give notice as abovesaid.

Wenham Dated March 18th 1699/700
Thos. Fiske by order
of the Select men —

I have warned the towne meeting according to the within riten warent
March 20th 1699/700 Theophilus Rix
Constable

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B. Edwards proposal as to Widow Hobbs

* March 20th 1699/700

Att a towne meeting Legally warned Benjamin Edwards propounds to the towne that in case the towne would pay him thyrtey pounds mony Viz: fiveteen pounds within six months after the date hereof and fiveteen pounds more within a yeere after that, that then he will keep the Widdow Hobbs her whole life time and be ingaged to maintain her so as to discharge the towne of any further Care or Charge about her: provided that in case she shall dey within one yeare from the time he tooke her then the towne shall be acquitted the second payment ——

Twas putt to voate & the towne voated on the affermative to accept of said Edwardses proposition ——

Att a meeting of the Select men the 27th of March 1700 —

Beverly perambulation

Then a notification was Drawn to send to ye Select men of Beverley to give them notice to Appoint & send men with full power to Joyne with our men Ensigne Walter Fayrfield Thomas Edwards & Benjamin Edwards or any two of them to perambulate on the Lyne & renew the bounds betwene Wenham & Beverley on the Eight day of Aprill next & to meet att the hous of Benjamin Edwards in said Wenham att Eight of the Clock in the forenoon on said Day to attend said service —

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Jurors

* Att a Towne Meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled April 29th 1700 for to make Choyce of Jurors. for the next Superior Court of Judicature to be holden att Ipswich on the Third Tuseday in May next and also a Representative to serve at the next great & Generall Court or Assembley to be held & kept for his Majtigs service in Boston—As also

Assessors

to make Choyce of Assessors for makeing the List of Assesment for our proportion to the Countrey tax: —

Jurors

Samuel Fiske Senr. Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey: William Fayrefild Thomas Kemball & John Gott Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att said Court —

Ensigne Walter Fayrfield was by a major voate Chosen for Representative —

Assessors

It being put to voat wheither the Towne would make Choyce of Assessors for makeing the list of Assesment for the Countrey tax, it past on the negative —

Att a meeting of the Select men
April 29th 1700

Salem perambulation

Haveing received a Notification from Salem Select men to Appoint persons to Joyne with thos Appointed by them to perambulate the bounds betwen Salem & our towne on the last Tuseday of this Instant April att one of ye Clock in the afternoon & to meet at the hous of John Gott in our towne — Lt. Wm Fiske & Samuel Kemball two of the present Select men are appointed to attend said service —

Notice to Beverly as to perambulation

Essex ss To the Select men of Beverley

Greeting, Gentlemen we sent a signification, to you to make Choice of some persons, & send with full power from your selves to Joyne with such of our Towne as should be Appointed to perambulate the lyne & renew the bounds betwene our towne & yours on the Eight day of this Instant April & they ware to meet att the hous of Benjamin Edwards in said Wenham about Eight of the Clock in the forenoon, which we attended: but your Gentlemen of Beverley came so late that there could not be Conveniant time on said day to renew the bounds Eastward from said Benjamin Edwardses hous & Westward of the great pond, so that the work still remains unperformed, & we doe now deseire that you will pleas to appoint & Impower some sutable persons to meett with such of ours as shall be appointed to finish sd. perambulation & renew the bounds west ward of the great pond according as they are now stated & setled & to meett at the hous of ye widdow Cue in Wenham on the thirteenth day of May next Ensuing att about one of ye Clock in ye afternoon to attend said service ——

Wenham April 29th 1700

Thomas Patch
William Fiske
Samuel Kemball
Benjamin Edwards
} Select Men —

(*page 159) Salem vote & notification

* To the Select men of Wenham

Greeting:

These are to notify that Captt Porter Mr. Peter Osgood. Mr. Timo Lyndall Mr. Nathll Hathorne or the major part of them are appointed & Impowered to perambulate the bounds with you, & to meet with such as you shall Appoint att John Gotts on the last Tuseday of this Instant April att one of the Clock in ye Afternoon, for said service—

Salem April 2: 1700

Per order of ye Select men

Daniel Epes Towne Clr.

Salem & Wenham perambulation

Wee whose names are under written being Appointed to perambulate on the Bounds between Salem & Wenham Have accordingley performed said perambulation, & renewed the bounds being a white oake on the N. west side of the Causey & so over the Causey to the Eastermost end of the Causey & from thence to a black oake dead marked with a heap of stones which is said to be Mr. Daniel Andrews Corner bounds and soe on a lyne to the Southermost bounds of John Leaches land to a white oake marked S. & W. and from thence to the head of the lyne betweene Wenham & Beverley to a white Oake marked with S. & W. and in confermation of our mutuall agrement, in the renovation of our abovesaid Bounds wee have hear unto sett our hands this 30th of April Anno 1700

William Fiske	Select	Israel Porter
Samuel Kemball	men of	Timothy Lyndall
Samuel Fiske	Wenham	Peter Osgood —

Jurors &c.

Att a meeting of the freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled April 29th for to make Choyce of Jurors for the next Superiour Court of Judicature to be holden att Ipswich: on the third Tuseday in May next & Also a representative to serve at the next great & Generall Court or Assembly to be held & kept for his Majtys service Att Boston & to make Choyce of Assessors for makeing the list of Assesment for our proportion to the Countrey tax —

Jurors

Samll Fiske Senr. Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey, William Fayrfield Thomas Kemball & John Gott Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls at said Court —

Representative

Ensigne Walter Fayrfield Chosen for Representative by the Major Voate —

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Assessors

* And it being putt to Voate wheither the Towne would make Choyce of Assessors for makeing the list of assesment for the Countrey tax it past on the negative —

May the 1st 1700: Captt Thomas Fisk Lt. Wm Fiske Sergt. Thomas Patch Samll Kemball Senr. & Benjamin Edwards being Select men for this Instant yeare Ap-

peared & tooke the Oath of Assesso[rs] for proportioning the Sum sett upon our towne by the Generall Court att there Session the 13th day of March last past —

Att a meeting of the
Select men May ye 7th 1700

Then a tax was made on the poles & estates in & belonging to the towne of Wenham in two distinct Lists & Comitted to the two Constables to Collect:

Constable Theophilus Rixses list amounted to eleven pounds fiveteen shillings & 11[d]	11.15.11
and he was ordered to pay to Mr. James Taylor Countrey treashurer according to his warrant eleven pounds —	11.00.0
and to the towne Treashurer ten shillings	0.10.0
the remainder of said list was allowed him for Collecting being five shillings 11[d]	0.5.11
	£11.15.11

Constable John Edwardses list amounted to ten pounds four shillings.	£10.04.0
and he was ordered to pay to Mr James Taylor Countrey Treashurer according to his warrant ten pounds	10.00.0
the remainder was allowed him for Collecting being four shillings	00.4.0

Also at the same time ther was a Countrey Rate made in two destinct lists and Comitted to the two Constables with a warrant on each list ——

Const. Theophilus Rixses List amounted to thre pounds eighteen shillings 6[d] £3.18.6

And he was by his warrant ordered, to pay to the Countey Treasurer one pound seventeen shillings 3[d]	1.17.3
To the Towne Treasure[r] for the townes use: one pound eighteen shillings ——	1.18.0
the remainder of said list was allowed him for Collecting being thre shillings 3[d]	0.3.3

Cons[t] John Edwardses List amounted to thre pounds six shillings 8[d] ——	£3.6.8
and he was ordered to pay to the Countey Treashure[r] two pounds ten shillings —	£2.10.0
To the Towne Treashure[r] ——— ———	0.10.8
the remainder being 6[s] was allowed him for Collecting —— ——	0.6.0
said lists was to be paid in by ye last day of June next ensuing the date hearof	

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Jurors

* Att a Towne meeting of the frehold[rs] and Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled June the 17th 1700 — for to Chose Juro[rs] for the next Enferiour Court of Pleas to be holden att Salem on the last Tusday of this Instant June — — Tobias Trow Allexander Maxey and John Moulton Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls att said Court.

Att a meeting of the Select men
September ye 2[d] 1700 ——

Tax

Then a tax was made on the poles & estates in & belonging to this towne: for our proportion to the Countrey tax: with an over plus to be paid to the towne Treashure[r] which tax was made in two Destinct Lists for the two Constables & a warrant on each list which tax was to be paid in money by the 31th Day of Decem[r] next ensuing —

Cons[t] Theophilus Rixses List amounted to Twentey three pounds seventeen shillings 3[d]	23.17.3
and he was ordered to make payment to ye Countrey Treasur[r] Twenty two pounds eight shillings ——— ——	22.8.0
and to the Towne Treasure[r] Twenty five shillings —— —— —	01.5.0
the Remaind[r] being four shillings thre pence was allowed for Collecting —	00.4.3
	£23.17.3
Cons[t] John Edwardses List amounted to Eighteen pounds seventeen shillings & 11[d]	£18.17.11
which he was ordered to pay in to the Countrey treashurer excepting six shillings 11[d] that was allowed him for Cillecting —— —	0.6.11

Att the same meeting of the Select men: a tax was made for Towne Cost for the Poor, in two destinct Lists & a warrant on each List to be paid in money by the Tenth Day of October next ensuing —

Cons[t] Rixses List amounted to eleven pounds nineteen shillings 2[d]	11.19.2
which sum he was ordered to pay in to the Towne Treasure[r] Excepting four shillings 2[d] that was allowed him for Collecting said list	
Cons[t] Edwardses List amounted to nine pounds ten shillings 8[d] — — — —	9.10.8
and he was ordered to make payment of nine pounds Ten shillings to the towne Treasure[r] —— ——	9.10.0
the Remainder being 8[d] was allowed him —— ——	

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* Att a meeting of the Select men (*page 162)
September ye 9th 1700 ——

School

Cap[tt] Thomas Fiske Appointed to keep a Scoole in the towne for the yeare Ensuing for the learning of children and Youth to Read & *right* and he to be allowed by the towne his proportion of Rates to Countrey Countey and towne for this yeare Ensuing from this time beside what he shall have of those that he shall so learne to read & right —

Jurors

Att a Towne meeting of ye freholders & Inhabitants of Wenham assembled October ye 22th 1700 for Choice of Juro[rs] for the next Superio[r] Court to be holden att Salem for ye Countey of Essex:

Thomas Edwards Chosen to serve on the Grand Jurey

Ensigne John Porter & Benj[a] Edwards Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Tryalls ——

Att a meeting of the Select
October 22th 1700 ——

Warrant for Town Meet[g] as to the Common

Then a warrant was granted to ye Constables to warne a towne meeting of the frehold[rs] & Inhabitants of this towne to meet at ye meeting hous on ye 29th day of this Instant: att about Ten of ye Clock in ye forenoon

to Consider & Agree of some way to prevent stripp & wast of ye wood |& Timber| on our Coñon by deviding of it if it be thought best, or what shall be found meet to be don for ye better Improvem^{t} of our Coñon land according to ye warrant:

Att a meeting of the frehold^{rs} & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled Octob^{r} 29. 1700 by vertue of ye above order of ye Select men —— —

Moderator Votes entered in "the Great book"

Cap^{tt} Thomas Fiske was Chosen moderator and the severall voates that past att this meeting are Entered in the great Booke appointed for recording of ye devitions of Land in f° 15:

Att a meeting of the Selectmen
the 18th of Novem^{r} 1700 —

Warrant for Town Meet^{g} as to timber &c. on Common

Then a Warrant was Granted to the Constables to Warne the frehold^{rs} and Coñon^{rs} in our towne to meet together att the meeting hous on monday the 25th of this Instant November att Ten of the Clock in the forenoon to Consider of & doe what shall then by them be thought best to be done in order to preserving, our wood & timber on our Coñon land by allowing of such devisions as have bin voated & are Entered in our towne Booke or makeing any other devision upon ye whole or any part of it as ye Coñon^{rs} shall think meet —

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Jurors

* Att a Towne meeting of the frehold^{rs} & Inhabitants of Wenham Assembled the 3^{d} day of Decem^{r} 1700: for Choyce of Juro^{rs} for the Sessions & Enferio^{r} Court of Pleas to be holden att Salem the last Tuseday of this Inst.

Joshua Wallis was Chosen Grand Jurey man for the yeare Ensuing ——

Nathaniel Walderne & Ebenezer Batcheler Chosen to serve on the Jurey of Trialls att said Court —

Att a meeting of the Select men
December ye 3^{d} 1700 ——

Rate

Then a Towne Rate was made on the poles & estates in & belonging to this towne for paying the Reverend Mr Joseph Gerrish his Sallery, for this Instant yeare 1700

which Rate was made in two destinct Lists and Coñitted to the two Constables with a warrant on each Lists, and Coñitted to the two Constables with a warrant on each List, & was to be paid one third part of it in mony or as mony the other two thirds according to Agreem^{t}

Also ther was Each persons proportion of wood sett downe in a distinct Collum in each List which said Constables ware to Collect —— ——

Constable Rixses List amounted to Thyrtey thre pounds eight shillings & 8^{d}	33.8.8

& his proportion of wood to Collect was sixteen Cords & seven foott ——

said Constable was ordered to pay to the Reverend Mr Joseph Gerrish Thyrtey thre pounds ————	£33.0.0
The Remaind^{r} being eight shillings & 8^{d} was allowed him for Collecting ——	00.8.8
Constable John Edwardses List amounted to Twentey eight pounds eighteen shillings & 5^{d}	£28.18.5

and his proportion of wood to Collect was Thyrteen Cords & two foott: — —

Said Constable was ordered to pay to the Reverend Mr Gerrish Twentey seven pounds	27.0.0
To the Towne Treashure^{r} one pound & twelve shillings —— —— —	01.12.0
the Remainder being six shillings & 5^{d} was allowed him for Collecting ——— —	0.6.5

Said Rate both of money & pay was to be Collected & paid in to Mr Gerrish & the towne Treashurer att or before the first Munday in January next. & said Constables ware to Issue there accounts by the last day of Februarey next Ensuing —

And the wood in each List was to be paid in to the Reverend Mr Gerrish att or before the first day of Aprill next Ensuing —

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Receipts

* Boston July 4th 1700 —

Recd of Mr Theophilus Rix Constable of Wenham by the hands of Mr John Edwards Eleven pounds in full of a warrant, for the like sum̃ of Eleven pounds.

recd for Mr James Taylor Treasur ———

£11.—— Per Jer: Allen —— ——

Boston Decemr 20th 1700

Recd of Mr Theophilus Rix Constable of Wenham by the hands of Mr Samuel Kimball Twentey two pounds eight shillings in full of a Warrant for the like sum of Twentey two pounds eight shillings — recd for Mr James Taylor Treasur

£22.8 — — Per Jer: Allen

Recd of Theophilus Rix Constable of Wenham the sum̃ of Thyrtey seven shillings thre pence in money upon ye accot of the Countey of Essex: it being in full of his part Comittd to him by the Select men of the said towne —

Ipsw. July 6. 1700

Per John Appleton Treasur ——

Boston July 4th 1700

Recd of Mr John Edwards Constable of Wenham Ten pounds in full of a Warrant for the like sum̃ of Ten pounds, recd for Mr James Taylor Treasur

£10. — — Per Jer. Allen

Boston Janury 29th 1700 ——

Recd of Mr John Edwards Constable of Wenham Eighteen pounds eleven shillings in full of a Warrant for the like sum̃ ——

recd for Mr James Taylor Treasur

£18.11 — — Per Jer. Allen

Recd of John Edwards Constable of Wenham the sum̃ of fiftey shillings in mony upon the accot of the Countey of Essex it being in full of his part to Collect for the said Towne ——

Ipsw. July 24th 1700 —

Per Jno Appleton Treasur — —

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* March 4th 1701 ——

Then made up an account with Constable Theophilus Rix for all Assesments Com̃itted to him by the Select

men for the yeare last past & he is to be acquitted & Discharged fully & absolutely Except for the ministers rate

Thomas Patch Towne Treashure^{r} ——

Boston November 21th 1699 —

Rec^{d} of Mr John Coy Constable of Wenham six pounds fourteen shillings in full of a Warrant for the like sum̃ of six pounds fourteen shillings rec^{d} for Mr James Taylo^{r} Treasu^{r} ——

£6.14 —— Per Jer. Allen

Boston December 13th 1701 ——

Rec^{d} of Mr Samuell Kellim Constable of Wenham Eighteen pounds six shillings & eight pence —

Rec^{d} for Mr James Taylor Treasur^{r} ——

Per Jere—— Allen

Rec^{d} of Samuel Killim formerly Constable of Wenham the full sum̃ that he was to pay to me for the Countie Rate of Essex

I say Recd.

Per John Aplton

Counti Treas^{rer}

Ipswich November 16th 1702

A true Entery of the originall Receipt

Attest Thos Fiske Clerk —

(*page 139) Thos Fiske's Quitclaim

* Whereas I Thomas Fiske have an acre of Swamp land laid out to me at Pleasant Pond at the East End of our Towne I doe hereby Relinquish my Rite thereunto I doe hereby quit Claime to said acre as wittnese my Hand this ii Day of Febrary 1702/3

[Thos. Fiske†]

† *This signature was erased in the original record* —

(*page 27) Order on the Town Treasurer

* To the Town Treasurer of Wenham Greeting. the Sellect men have ordered Joseph Fowler Senr. to Receive of you thirty shillings for [Gatts] which the town Ingaged to pay for —

Per order of the Select men

Thos Fiske T Clerc —

Receipt

September 23^{d} 1706 —

Received of Mr. Thomas Fiske the writtin mentioned I say Received me

Josiph Fowler

The above is a True Entry

Attest William Fairfield
Town Clerk—

(*page 28) Order on the Constable

* September the 27th 1706

To Constable William Rogers Greeting —

You are desired to pay to Decon Fiske six pounds of your Towne Ratt as soon as you can

by order of the Select men

James Freind
Thomas Kemball
John Gott

Receipt

Received of Constable William Rogers the some of six pounds mentioned in this order October the 21st day 1706

I say Received by me
William Fiske

A true Entry

Attest William Fairfield Town Clerk.

Order on the Treasurer

At a meeting of the Select men

June the fifth: 1706 Mr. Treasurer please to pay to Decon Fiske to Compleat his dew as Representative for the Town for the year 1705 the some of four pounds & take his Receipt for the same

Per order of the Select men

William Faierfield Town Cler —

Received of Mr. Treasurer one pound of the within mentioned order

This: 10 of June 1706 ——

William Fiske ——

Received 2 pound more of the 4 pound ordered on the other side

William Fiske

Received one pound more of the foure pound ordered on the other side

William Fiske ——

The above Entry of the order & the Receipts their on is truely entred & compared as Attest

William Faierfield Town Clerk

Received of Thos. Fiske Treasurer Thise 24 of Fabrawary one pound

I say Recd.
William Fiske ——

— MISCELLANEOUS —

The following items, copied from the same Record Book, are inserted here because being without certain date, they could not be entered in their chronological order. They comprise all that there is in the old book not found in the preceding pages.

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* A Subscription for the widow Gear 3:11:80 —— (*page 1)
for Sam^{ll} Moulton Widow Gear
—— 82 ——
to be Added to Mr Gerrishes Rate 1—17.3 Accounts
of wch. Joseph Porter 1—10
except John Dodg & Wm Moulton 1.—8—0
& to be allowed to Sam^{ll} Moulton for defect of pay Rate in 80: |to the towne|
for Joseph Porter 0—13—10
Wm Rayment 0— 0— 5
& also for Defect of Count[ry] & County Rate in the yere 80: for
Joseph Porter 0—13—3
& to Wm Rayment 0—4
to be allowed to Rice Edwards in the yere 80: & now to his son Benjamin: 3^{s}—of Rice his 15^{s} to the ministry rate —
Also to the ministry rate in 80:
for Capt. Rayment ———————— 0—1—00

Due to Henery Haget 5^{s} & 2^{d} in mony |forthwith| & for his time 8^{s} to be referd: to the towne: —

To Thos. Fiske Rate 81
—— 5^{s} —— to Mr Gerrish
to towne & Country 4^{s}
& to Goodwife Gears Rate —2^{s}—

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* [The Bounds of (*worn off*)†]

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Bounds of Smiths Farm

† *This probably relates to "Mr. Smith's Farm" for on the cover of the Record Book is written in the handwriting of Wm Rogers, Town Clerk in* 1716.

It Begins at the: side of Richard Dodg his last grant: of 40 akers: & bears 160 poall: in breadth & Runns, from the heither end to a litle: slipe: of midow: which is 400: poall in Length: wch Conteineth 400: Akers from it Runes 160: poalls: up towards Mr Blackleech his farme: butt: from: the slipe: of midowe aforsaid it is inlarged to be 200: poalls the sids are bounded one side to the ould planters midows the other by Ipswich bounds —acording as the trees:

{page 10 & page 14 Smiths Setlement page 54 55 (*see page* 13 *and pages* 76-78 *of this Copy*)}

Ar marked in the Range:

(*page 2) Voters

*Whither all that are house holders & hav land in the towne under ther owne & are not under the Ch[arge]

Whither that all that are under age & under the Jurisdiction of there parents or masters or have no land in the towne of theire have power of voate & they onely:

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*Outside page at the end of the book

* Esdras Read
Phineas Fisk
Samuell Foster
Edward Kemp 4/16
Austen Killim 4/16
Mr Fiske
James Moulton
Edward Kemp 1/16
Edward Spaulding
Wm Gear
Tho Fiske

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* Richard Gould-smith	Leiut Fiske	23	Leiut Gott	14	(*Inside of cover at the end of the book)
	En: Fairefield	23	Thos. Patch	16	
Edward Walding	Thos. Fiske	13	Sam[ll] Kemball	9	
John Shiply Junior					
Robert Gowing					

* The Brands of every Towne (*page 4) Brand Marks

C	Charlestowne
Ⓒ	Cambridg
Ⓒ	Concord
S	Salem
$	Salsbury
$	Strawberybanck
D	Dorchester
d	Dedham
Ⓓ	Dover
B	Boston
B	Brantry
R	Roxberry
Y	Redding
W	Wattertowne
M	Waymoth
Ⓦ	Wooburne
Ⓦ	Wenham
E	Exiter
L	Lin
Ⱡ	Ipswich
N	Nubury
H	Hingham
R	Hampton
H	Haverell
G	Gloster
M	Medford
m	Manchester
R	Rowley

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Mr. Newman		8	
Ensigne Fiske		27	
Lieft. Goot		18	
Serjent Fairefield		19	
Thos. Fiske		19	

Serjt. Huttn	14
James Freind	9
Samuell Kemball	14
C: B:	12
S: F:	12
T: F:	16
L: G:	13
S: H:	9
J: F:	7
E: F:	18

† 170[0] S O S X 3 . J J L I S Z m ² n h e†

July 29 — 1/3[d] —— ——	0—1—3	
Nov[b] 24 ministers rate	0—4—0	
		0—5—3
Dec[b] 1 —— —— —— —	0—0—9	
		0—1—0
Ditto 4 —— ——	0—0—8	
Ditto 26 —— ——	0—0—9	
Jan[ry] 26 —— ——		3—2
Feb[ry] 16 —— ——	0—3	

(END—)

† *These are short-hand characters, much in use at that time. The best rendering I can give them is "School-masters' rates for Mr. Fiske." The last three words are the only ones I am sure of.* W. P. U.